

## **IC 3-5-8**

### **Chapter 8. The Voter's Bill of Rights**

#### **IC 3-5-8-1**

##### **Commission to prescribe statement of voter's bill of rights**

Sec. 1. The commission shall prescribe a statement of the rights of a voter in Indiana that shall be known as "the voter's bill of rights".  
*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.*

#### **IC 3-5-8-2**

##### **Content of statement of bill of rights**

Sec. 2. (a) The statement required by section 1 of this chapter must contain the following:

- (1) A statement of the qualifications that an individual must meet to vote in Indiana, including qualifications relating to registration.
  - (2) A statement describing the circumstances that permit a voter who has moved from the precinct where the voter is registered to return to that precinct to vote.
  - (3) A statement that an individual who meets the qualifications and circumstances listed in subdivisions (1) and (2) may vote in the election.
  - (4) A statement describing how a voter who is challenged at the polls may be permitted to vote.
  - (5) The date of the election and the hours during which the polls will be open, as required by 42 U.S.C. 15482.
  - (6) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a vote and how to cast a provisional ballot, as required by 42 U.S.C. 15482.
  - (7) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first time voters under IC 3-7-33-4.5 and 42 U.S.C. 15483, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
  - (8) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
  - (9) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation, as required under 42 U.S.C. 15482.
  - (10) A statement informing the voter what assistance is available to assist the voter at the polls.
  - (11) A statement informing the voter what circumstances will spoil the voter's ballot and the procedures available for the voter to request a new ballot.
  - (12) A statement describing which voters will be permitted to vote at the closing of the polls.
  - (13) Other information that the commission considers important for a voter to know.
- (b) The voter's bill of rights is not required to contain the

information described in subsection (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), and (a)(9) before January 1, 2004.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.209-2003, SEC.5.*

### **IC 3-5-8-3**

#### **Posting of voter's bill of rights; distribution of voter's bill of rights with election information**

Sec. 3. (a) As required by 42 U.S.C. 15483, and after December 31, 2003, the precinct election board shall post the voter's bill of rights in a public place in each polling place on election day.

(b) The commission may require a copy of the voter's bill of rights to be distributed with voter registration materials or other materials that are given to voters.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.209-2003, SEC.6.*

### **IC 3-5-8-4**

#### **Posting voter's bill of rights on the Internet**

Sec. 4. The secretary of state or other state agency posting election information on the state's Internet site shall include the voter's bill of rights on the site.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.*

### **IC 3-5-8-5**

#### **Publication of voter's bill of rights in news media**

Sec. 5. Not later than thirty (30) days before a primary, general, or municipal election, the secretary of state shall request Indiana news media to include a copy of the voter's bill of rights as part of election coverage or in public service announcements.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.11.*